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Introduction

This number of the Bulletin contains a list of the titles of the official publications of the Confederate States government found in the Virginia State Library and the Confederate Museum, Richmond, Va. The latter items have been included in order that there might be brought together in one pamphlet the titles of this class of publications still preserved in Richmond outside of private libraries. The titles were copied by Miss Susie B. Harrison, Assistant House-Regent of the Confederate Museum, who has kindly furnished them for inclusion here.

There was published by the Confederate Museum in 1908 "A Calendar of Confederate Papers, with a Bibliography of some Confederate Publications" (edited by Dr. D. S. Freeman), which contains titles of the more important official Confederate publications at that time to be found in the Museum. It does not contain, however, titles of bills introduced in the Confederate Congress, committee reports (with one exception), and resolutions of various kinds—including resolutions received by the Confederate Congress from different organizations and ordered to be printed, whereas the list furnished by Miss Harrison is made up of the titles of publications of this character—both those in the Museum at the time of the preparation of the Calendar and those added later. Hence, since the titles of the items in the Calendar have also been reprinted here, this Bulletin includes titles of all the official Confederate publications in the Museum and of all those in the Virginia State Library.

On December 30, 1908, a meeting of the Bibliographical Society of America, devoted almost entirely to the discussion of Confederate official documents, was held in the office of the Librarian of the Virginia State Library, and as an outcome of the meeting there was published in volume 3 of the Proceedings and Papers of the society (1908) "A Bibliography of the Official Publications of the Confederate States of America", by Hugh A. Morrison, of the Library of Congress. The Bibliography consists of titles of all Confederate publications which at that time were known to be contained in the collections of the Howard Memorial Library, The Library of Congress, The Virginia State Library, and the Wisconsin State Historical Society Library. Since Mr. Morrison's list was printed, however, so much Confederate material has been discovered in this Library in the process of cataloguing now going on—especially bills, resolutions, and committee reports—that the present publication has been rendered advisable. The complete contents of the Library have by this time been so thoroughly examined as to make it unlikely that there are now in the Library Confederate items whose titles are not here included.

As an appendix to this Bulletin are reprinted four reports made by the Superintendent of Public Printing of the Confederacy. They are the only ones which it has been possible to procure and may be the only ones which were issued. Almost certainly they are the only ones issued by the Superintendent under the permanent government of the Confederacy, for the first report here reprinted begins, "I have the honor to report the transactions of

this Bureau from February 22nd to December 31st, 1862", the 22nd being the date of the inauguration of the permanent government, and the last report is dated October 26, 1864. It is very probable, considering the difficulties of the times standing in the way of expeditious work, that this report was not actually printed much before the fall of Richmond, which occurred April 2, 1865. It is possible, however, though by no means certain, that a report was made while the provisional government of the Confederacy was still in existence. The law creating the office of Superintendent of Public Printing was passed February 27, 1861 (see Statutes at Large of the Confederate States of America, p. 41), and the name of George E. W. Nelson, of Georgia, was sent in to Congress for confirmation by President Davis on the fourth of May, 1861 (see Journal of Congress of the Confederate States, Vol. 1, p. 185), it being stated in the accompanying communication that the appointment of Mr. Nelson had been made during the recess of Congress which had just come to a close—it extended from March 16 to April 29—and the law called for annual reports at least. But Mr. Nelson seems not to have been confirmed till April 11, 1862, and it is probable that for the time he held office under the provisional government he made no report. At any rate, such a report is not listed in Morrison's Bibliography referred to above or in Sabin's Dictionary of Books relating to America; nor is it to be found either in the catalogue of the Boston Athenaeum Library or in that of the Leiter Library, two libraries especially rich in Confederate items.

The second, third, and fourth reports here reprinted are found in the Virginia State Library. For a copy of the first, recourse had to be had to the Library of Congress, and to the Librarian of Congress thanks are hereby extended for the loan of the copy for purposes of transcription. The reports are of the very greatest interest and historical value. Not only do they indicate in a general way the amount of printing done for the Confederate government, but they shed a flood of light on the difficulties met with by the Bureau of Printing of the Confederacy on account of the scarcity of paper, the scarcity of men, and the inflation of the currency.

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A list of the Official Publications of the Confederate States Government in the Virginia State Library and the Library of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society.

The abbreviation Va. S. L. (Virginia State Library), or Conf. Mus. (Confederate Museum) is used after each title for the purpose of indicating in which library the publication may be found.

LAWS. CONSTITUTION.

Aug. 30, 1861. An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States, and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States. Approved Aug. 30, 1861. 11 p. Conf. Mus. **1**

1861. Acts and resolutions of the first session of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States. 1861. Montgomery, Ala.; Barrett, Wimbish & co., Printers and binders, 1861. 131 p. Conf. Mus. **2**

1861. Acts and resolutions of the second session of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States. 1861. Montgomery, Ala.; Shorter & Reid, Printers and binders [1861.] 100 p. Conf. Mus. **3**

1861. Acts and resolutions of the second session of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States. 1861. Montgomery, Ala., Barrett, Wimbish & co., Printers and binders, 1861. 100 p. Conf. Mus. **4**

1861. Laws for the army and navy of the Confederate States. Richmond: Printed by Ritchie & Dunnavant, 1861. 96 p. Conf. Mus. **5**

1861. Acts and resolutions of the third session of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States, held at Richmond, Va. Enquirer book and job press, By Tyler, Wise & Allegre, 1861. 94 p. Va. S. L. Conf. Mus. **6**

1861. The constitution of the Confederate States of America, adopted March 11, 1861. 16 p. Conf. Mus. **7**

1861. Constitution of the Confederate States of America. Adopted unanimously by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, March 11, 1861. Richmond, Wyatt M. Elliott, Printer, 1861. 17 p. Conf. Mus. **8**

1861. Provisional and permanent constitutions, together with the acts and resolutions of the three sessions of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States. Richmond, Tyler, Wise, Allegre and Smith, Printers, 1861. 94 p. Conf. Mus. **9**

1861. Permanent constitution of the Confederate States of America adopted by the Confederate Congress, March 11, 1861. Richmond, Printed by James E. Goode, 1861. 19 p. Conf. Mus. **10**

1862. Acts and resolutions of the fourth session of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States, held at Richmond, Va. Tyler, Wise, Allegre and Smith, Prs., 1862. 106 p. Conf. Mus. **11**

1862. Acts of Congress in relation to the conscript and exemption laws, and the regulations adopted thereon by the Secretary of War. Also, an act to authorize the formation of volunteer companies for local defence. Houston, Texas, Book & Job Printing House, 1862. 15 p. Conf. Mus. **12**

1862. Private laws of the Confederate States of America passed at the first session of the first Congress; 1862. Carefully collated with the originals at Richmond. Edited by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. To be continued annually. Richmond, R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1862. [7] p. Va. S. L. **13**

1862. Public laws of the Confederate States of America, passed at the first session of the first Congress; 1862. Carefully collated with the originals at Richmond. Edited by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. To be continued annually. Richmond, R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1862. 56, ix p. Va. S. L. Conf. Mus. **14**

1862. Private laws of the Confederate States of America, passed at the second session of the first Congress; 1862. Carefully collated with the originals at Richmond. Edited by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. To be continued annually. Richmond: R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1862. [5] p. Va. S. L. **15**

1862. Public laws of the Confederate States of America, passed at the second session of the first Congress; 1862. Carefully collated with the originals at Richmond. Edited by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. To be continued annually. Richmond, R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1862. 92, ix p. Va. S. L. Conf. Mus. **16**

April 24, 1863. The tax act [approved April 24, 1863 and the assessment act, approved May 1, 1863.] 39 p. **16a**

1863. Military laws of the Confederate States, embracing all the legislation of Congress appertaining to military affairs from the first to the last session inclusive, with a copious index. J. W. Randolph, Richmond, Va., 1863. 92, xvi p. Va. S. L. **17**

1863. Private laws of the Confederate States of America, passed at the third session of the first Congress; 1863. Carefully collated with the originals at Richmond. Edited by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. To be continued annually. Richmond: R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1863. 11(?)p. Va. S. L. **18**

1863. Public laws of the Confederate States of America, passed at the third session of the first Congress; 1863. Carefully collated with the originals at Richmond. Edited by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. To be continued annually. Richmond, R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1863. viii, 93-170, xx p. Va. S. L. Conf. Mus. **19**

March 28, 1863. An act imposing taxes . . . 57 p. Va. S. L. **20**

Feb., 1864. Laws of Congress in regard to taxes, currency and conscription, passed Feb., 1864. 35 p. Va. S. L. **21**

Feb. 17, 1864. An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new

issue of notes and bonds. 4 p. Va. S. L. **22**

Feb. 17, 1864. An act to levy additional taxes . . . 3 p. Va. S. L. **23**

Feb. 17, 1864. An act to organize forces to serve during the war. 6 p. Va. S. L **24**

March 12, 1864. An act to prohibit the importation of luxuries . . . 9 p. Va. S. L. **25**

1864. A digest of the military and naval laws of the Confederate States, from the commencement of the Provisional Congress to the end of the first Congress under the permanent constitution. Analytically arranged by Capt W. W. Lester, of the Quartermaster-General's office, and Wm. J. Bromwell, of the Department of State, attorneys-at-law. To be continued every session. Columbia, Evans & Cogswell, 1864. 329 p. Va. S. L. **26**

1864. Private laws of the Confederate States of America, passed at the fourth session of the first Congress; 1863-64. Carefully collated with the originals at Richmond. Edited by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. To be continued annually. Richmond: R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1864. 15(?) p. Va. S. L. **27**

1864. Public laws of the Confederate States of America, passed at the fourth session of the first Congress; 1863-4. Carefully collated with the originals at Richmond. Edited by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. To be continued annually. Richmond, R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1864. vii, 173-253, xxiii p. Va. S. L. Conf. Mus. **28**

1864. Private laws of the Confederate States of America, passed at the first session of the second Congress; 1864. Carefully collated with the originals at Richmond, by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. To be continued annually. Richmond: R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1864. 18(?)p. Va. S. L. **29**

1864. Public laws of the Confederate States of America, passed at the first session of the second Congress; 1864. Carefully collated with the originals at Richmond. Edited by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. To be continued annually. Richmond, R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1864. viii, 253-288, xii p. Va. S. L. Conf. Mus. **30**

1864. The statutes at large of the provisional government of the Confederate States of America, from the institution of the government, February 8, 1861, to its termination, February 18, 1862, inclusive. Arranged in chronological order. Together with the Constitution for the provisional government, and the permanent constitution of the Confederate States, and the treaties concluded by the Confederate States with Indian tribes. Edited by James M. Matthews, attorney at law, and law clerk in the Department of Justice. Richmond, R. M. Smith, Printer to Congress, 1864. xvi, 411, xlviii p. Va. S. L. Conf. Mus. **31**

PROVISIONAL CONGRESS.

Bills. Resolutions.

Feb. 22, 1861. A bill in relation to the slave trade, and to punish persons offending therein. 5 sheets. Conf. Mus. **31a**

March 6, 1861. A bill to be entitled An act to prevent the importation of African negroes from any foreign country other than the slave-

holding states of the United States: and to punish persons offending therein. By Mr. Clayton. 5 sheets. Conf. Mus. **32**

May 7, 1861. A bill to prescribe uniform laws of naturalization. By Mr. Oldham. 5 sheets. Conf. Mus. **33**

May 7, 1861. A bill to prescribe uniform rules of naturalization. By Mr. T. R. R. Cobb. 4 sheets. Conf. Mus. **34**

July 30, 1861. A bill to be entitled An act providing penalties for violating the provisions of an act, approved May 21, 1861, entitled An act to authorize certain debtors to pay the amounts due by them into the Treasury of the Confederate States. By Mr. Smith of Alabama. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **35**

July 30, 1861. Resolution. Touching points of maritime law decided by the Congress of Paris of 1856. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **36**

July 31, 1861. A bill to be entitled An act to provide a mode of authenticating claims for money against the Confederate States, not otherwise provided for. By Mr. Gregg, from committee on claims. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **37**

Aug. 3, 1861. A bill to be entitled An act to authorize the issue of Treasury notes, and to provide a war tax for their redemption. By Mr. Barnwell, from committee on finance. 13 sheets. Conf. Mus. **38**

Aug. 21, 1861. A bill to be entitled An act to provide a temporary substitute for engraved Treasury notes. By Mr. Memminger. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **39**

Nov. 22, 1861. A bill to organize the territory of Arizona, and to create the office of Surveyor General therein. By Mr. Campbell. 14 sheets. Conf. Mus. **40**

Nov. 29, 1861. An Act to provide for drawing jurors in criminal cases. By Mr. Caruthers. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **41**

December 2, 1861. A bill to encourage the enlistment of volunteers for the war. By Mr. Miles, from committee on military affairs. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **42**

Dec. 7, 1861. Resolution. Relating to Maryland. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **43**

Dec. 9, 1861. An act to provide for connecting the Richmond and Danville and North Carolina Railroads for military purposes. By Mr. Sparrow, from committee on military affairs. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **44**

Dec. 9, 1861. A bill to increase the pay of the provisional army. Mr. Miles. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **45**

Dec. 10, 1861. [Bill to amend] an act to authorize the President to confer temporary rank and command, for service with volunteer troops, on officers of the Confederate army. Approved May 21, 1861. By Mr. Avery, from committee on military affairs. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **46**

Dec. 10, 1861. A bill to be entitled An act to fund the Treasury notes of the Confederate States. By Mr. Dargan. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **47**

Dec. 10, 1861. [Bill to amend] an act to establish a Patent Office, and to provide for the granting and issue of patents for new and useful discoveries, inventions, improvements and designs. Approved May 21, 1861. By Mr. Brooke, from the committee on patents. 4 sheets. Conf. Mus. **48**

Dec. 10, 1861. A bill to be entitled An act to encourage the manufacture of small arms, of saltpetre and of gun-powder, within the Confederate States. By Mr. Kenan, from committee on military affairs. 3 sheets. Conf. Mus. **49**

Dec. 13, 1861. An act regulating the fees of marshals and for other purposes. By Mr. Brockenbrough. 6 sheets. Conf. Mus. **50**

Dec. 13, 1861. An act to amend the laws relative to the compensation of the attorneys of the Confederate States. By Mr. Brockenbrough. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **51**

Dec. 13, Dec. 23, [1861.?] An act to regulate the compensation to be allowed to commissioners of the courts of the Confederate States. By Mr. Brockenbrough, from judiciary committee. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **52**

Dec. 13, 1861. A bill to be entitled An act further supplementary to An act to authorize the issue of Treasury notes, and to provide a war tax for their redemption. By Mr. Kenner, from committee on finance. 3 sheets. Conf. Mus. **53**

Dec. 13, 1861. A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled, An act to perpetuate testimony in cases of slaves abducted or harbored by the enemy, and of other property seized, wasted, or destroyed by them. By Mr. Orr, from judiciary committee. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **54**

Dec. 14, 1861. A bill to be entitled An act making appropriations for the expenses of government, in the legislative, executive and judicial departments, for the year ending 18th of Feb. 1862. By Mr. Kenner, from committee on finance. 4 sheets. Conf. Mus. **55**

Dec. 18, 1861. Calendar. 3 sheets. Conf. Mus. **56**

Dec. 23, 1861. A bill entitled An act to amend an act entitled An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, approved 16th Mch., 1861. By Mr. Harris, from judiciary committee. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **57**

Dec. 24, 1861. An act to establish certain judicial districts, and to provide for courts of the Confederate States therein. By Mr. Johnson. 11 sheets. Conf. Mus. **58**

Jan. 2, 1862. A bill to be entitled An act supplementary to An act to make further provisions for the public defense, Approved May 11, 1861. By Mr. Orr. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **59**

Jan. 9, 1862. A bill entitled An act to prevent information of the plans and operations of the land and naval forces of the Confederate States being conveyed to the enemy. By Mr. Harris, from committee on military affairs. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **60**

Jan. 23, 1862. A bill to be entitled An act to provide for the appointment of ministerial officers of the Board of Commissioners appointed under the 14th section of the act for the sequestration of the estates of alien enemies, and the indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States, and to provide a hall and the other necessary accommodations of the board. By Mr. Monroe. 3 sheets. Conf. Mus. **61**

Jan. 24, 1862. An act to provide for the connection of the railroad from Selma, in Alabama, to Meridian, in Mississippi. By Mr. Avery. With documents from the President and Mr. Ashe to the President urging the completion of certain railroads in the Confederate States. Conf. Mus. **61a**

Jan. 25, 1862. Mr. Memminger's amendment in regard to decrees of sequestration. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **62**

Feb. 3, 1862. Amendments to confiscation bill. By Mr. Russell of Virginia, in lieu of 2nd section confiscation bill. 2 p. Conf. Mus. **63**

Feb. 3, 1862. A bill to be entitled An act to provide for the organization of the Arkansas and Red River Superintendency of Indian Affairs, to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indians therein,

and to preserve peace on the frontiers. 28 sheets. Conf. Mus. **64**

Feb. 4, 1862. A bill to be entitled An act to amend the Act to provide for local defense and special service. By Mr. Russell. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **65**

Feb. 4, 1862. A bill to prohibit officers, agents, and members of Congress from making government contracts. By Mr. Hale, from judiciary committee. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **66**

Feb. 10, 1862. An act for the relief of disbursing officers and agents of the army and navy of the Confederate States in certain cases. By Mr. Hill, of Ga., from committee on claims. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **67**

Feb. 10, 1862. An act to provide for the appointment of Assistant Inspectors General for the army of the Confederate States, and for the volunteer forces. By Mr. Waul of Texas. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **68**

Feb. 10, 1862. An act to provide for the preservation and future publication of the Journals of the Provisional Congress and the proceedings of the Convention which framed the provisional and permanent constitutions of the Confederate States. By John Perkins, Jr., from the committee on printing. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **69**

Feb. 12, 1862. An act to establish a volunteer navy. By Mr. McRae. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **70**

Feb. 12, 1862. A bill to be entitled An act to prescribe the mode of selecting and summoning jurors and for the formation of juries in the Confederate courts. By Mr. Monroe. 7 sheets. Conf. Mus. **71**

Feb. 12, 1862. A bill to be entitled An act to extend the provision of the act authorizing the President to inflict retaliation upon the persons of prisoners, approved Aug. 30, 1861. By Mr. Brockenbrough. 3 sheets. Conf. Mus. **72**

Feb. 14, 1862. A bill to be entitled An act to continue in office the Major and Brigadier Generals of the provisional army. By Mr. Pryor. 2 sheets. Conf. Mus. **73**

Feb. 3, Feb. 11 [?] A bill to be entitled An act to admit duty free all goods, wares, except such as may be brought from the United States of America. 1 sheet. Conf. Mus. **74**

Proceedings of the Congress on the announcement of the death of Col. Francis S. Bartow of the army of the Confederate States. Richmond: Enquirer book and job press, Tyler, Wise & Allegre, 1861. 29 p. Conf. Mus. **75**

Address of Congress to the people of the Confederate States. Joint resolution in relation to the war. [no date.] 8 p. Va. S. L. Conf. Mus. **76**

SENATE.

Bills. Resolutions. Amendments. Rules.

Dec. 7, 1863. S. bill 142. To prevent the enlistment of substitutes in the military service of the Confederate States . . . 2 p. Va. S. L. **77**

Dec. 14, 1863. S. bill 158. Secret. A bill to organize forces to serve during the war. 7 p. Va. S. L. **78**

Dec. 23, 1863. Oldham, W. S. Speech [in the Senate] on the subject of the finances. 16 p. Va. S. L. **79**

Feb. 4, 1864. S. bill. Secret. A bill to provide for the issue of exchequer notes, and for funding all Treasury notes now outstanding. 8 p. Va. S. L. **80**

Feb. 9, 1864. Johnson of Arkansas. Speech in the Senate on the bill to limit and define the terms of office of the principal officers or heads of departments. 19 p. Va. S. L. **81**

May 4, 1864. S. bill 1. To provide and organize a General Staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war. 7 p. Va. S. L. **82**

May 6, 1864. Resolutions in relation to the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus. 2 p. Va. S. L. **83**

May 13, 1864. S. bill 20. To establish a Bureau of Foreign Supplies. 10 p. Va. S. L. **84**

May 13, 1864. S. bill 21. A bill to amend an act entitled An act to reduce the currency, and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds. 3 p. Va. S. L. **85**

May 17, 1864. S. bill 32. To authorize the appointment of general officers with temporary rank and command, and to define and limit the power of assigning officers to commands. 2 p. Va. S. L. **86**

May 20, 1864. S. bill 36. To be entitled An act to provide for the impressment of the railroad iron, equipments and rolling stock of railroads . . . and to make further provisions for the efficient transportation of troops and military supplies. 4 p. Va. S. L. **87**

May 24, 1864. S. bill 44. To authorize certificates of indebtedness to be given for property purchased or impressed, and for transportation, and to provide for payment of the interest on said certificates in specie. 3 p. Va. S. L. **88**

May 28, 1864. S. bill 49. To authorize the manufacture of spirituous liquors for the use of the army and hospitals. 3 p. **89**

May 28, 1864. S. bill 51. To provide supplies for the army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments. 5 p. Va. S. L. **90**

Nov. 18, 1864. S. bill 16. Joint resolution defining the position of the Confederate States, and declaring the determination of the Congress and the people thereof to prosecute the war till their independence is acknowledged. 4 p. Va. S. L. **91**

Nov. 22, 1864. S. bill 106. To repeal in part an act to regulate the destruction of property under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof. 2 p. Va. S. L. **92**

Nov. 28, 1864. S. bill 119. Secret. To suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases. 8 p. Va. S. L. **93**

Nov. 29, 1864. Henry, Gustavus A. Speech in the Senate . . . defining the position of the Confederate States, and declaring the determination of the Congress . . . to prosecute the war . . . 13 p. Va. S. L. **94**

Nov. 30, 1864. S. bill 122. Regulating the compensation of postmasters, special agents and route agents. 3 p. Va. S. L. **95**

Dec. 6, 1864. S. bill 129. To provide for the employment of free negroes and slaves to work upon fortifications . . . 6 p. Va. S. L. **96**

Dec. 9, 1864. S. bill 133. To regulate the impressment of slaves in the State of Virginia. 3 p. Va. S. L. **97**

Dec. 12, 1864. S. bill 134. To increase the maximum rates of compensation . . . for the transportation of the mails of the Confederate States. 2 p. Va. S. L. **98**

Dec. 14, 1864. S. bill 139. To provide for the compensation of persons whose slaves have been lost while in the service of the Confederate States. 1 p. Va. S. L. **99**

Dec. 14, 1864. S. bill 140. To guard against improper constructions of the tax laws by the officers

charged with the execution of the same. 2 p. Va. S. L. **100**

Dec. 17, 1864. S. bill 142. To increase the number of acting midshipmen in the navy, and to prescribe the mode of appointment. 1 p. Va. S. L. **101**

Dec. 17, 1864. S. bill 143. To authorize the employment of instructors for acting midshipmen and to regulate their pay. 1 p. Va. S. L. **102**

Dec. 17, 1864. S. bill 144. Making an appropriation for the erection of additional buildings at Drewry's Bluff for accommodation of acting midshipmen. 1 p. Va. S. L. **103**

Dec. 17, 1864. S. bill 145. To authorize the appointment of naval constructors in the provisional navy, and to fix their pay. 1 p. Va. S. L. **104**

Jan. 2, 1865. Resolution enquiring into the expediency of adopting certain measures for restoring and sustaining the financial credit of the government. 1 p. Va. S. L. **105**

Jan. 5, 1865. S. bill 155. To regulate the pay and allowances of certain female employees of the government. 3 p. Va. S. L. **106**

Jan. 9, 1865. S. bill 156. To provide for the reorganization of companies, battalions and regiments in certain cases. 5 p. Va. S. L. **107**

Jan. 9, 1865. A resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee to investigate the condition and treatment of prisoners of war held by the Confederate and United States governments. 1 p. Va. S. L. Conf. Mus. **108**

Jan. 10, 1865. S. bill 159. To secure more effectually the preservation and distribution of the effects of deceased officers and soldiers. 3 p. Va. S. L. **109**

Jan. 14, 1865. Amendment proposed by the committee on the judiciary to a bill to regulate the pay . . . of certain female employees of the government. 2 p. Va. S. L. **110**

Jan. 18, 1865. S. bill 162. To amend an act entitled An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defence. 3 p. Va. S. L. **111**

Jan. 26, 1865. S. bill 169. To abolish the office of certain quartermasters . . . and to provide for the appointment of bonded agents . . . 3 p. Va. S. L. **112**

Jan. 30, 1865. S. bill 173. To receive volunteer troops for the war. 1 p. Va. S. L. **113**

Jan. 30, 1865. De Jarnette, D. C. Speech on the Monroe doctrine in House of Representatives. 20 p. Va. S. L. **114**

Feb. 2, 1865. S. bill 180. To amend an act entitled An act to prevent the procuring, aiding and assisting persons to desert from the army of the Confederate States . . . 1 p. Va. S. L. **115**

Feb. 2, 1865. S. bill 181. To provide supplies for the army, and to prescribe the mode of making impressments. 8 p. Va. S. L. **116**

Feb. 4, 1865. S. bill 184. To exempt from military service skilled artisans and mechanics. 1 p. Va. S. L. **117**

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
BUREAU OF PUBLIC PRINTING,
RICHMOND, *January* 5th, 1863.

HON. THOMAS WATTS, *Attorney General:*

SIR:

I have the honor to report the transactions of this Bureau from February 22d to December 31st, 1862.

The bills for the printing of Congress and the several Executive Departments, examined, approved and passed for payment, during this period, foot up twenty-nine thousand eight hundred and forty-four dollars and five cents ($29,844.05) of which the following is a statement in detail:

BILLS APPROVED AND PAID.

For Congress	$ 3,134.79
For the Department of State	112,52
For the Department of Justice	84.23
For the Treasury Department	2,311.71
For the War Department	20,691.51
For the Navy Department	1,126.87
For the Post-Office Department	2,382.42
Total	$29,844.05

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

There are outstanding bills to a considerable amount, which will shortly be presented for settlement. From the data before me, I am enabled to furnish an approximate result as follows:

For Congress	$ 2,250.00
For the Department of State	300.00
For the Department of Justice	50.00
For the Treasury Department	6,000.00
For the War Department	74,974.68
For the Navy Department	800.00
For the Post-Office Department	12,000.00
Total	$96,374.68

TOTAL COST OF PRINTING.

From the statement above given it will be perceived that the printing of the Government for this period will probably cost one hundred and twenty-six thousand two hundred and eighteen dollars and seventy-three cents ($126,218.73).

For Congress	$ 5,384.79
For the Department of State	412.52
For the Department of Justice	134.23
For the Treasury Department	8,311.71
For the War Department	95,666.19
For the Navy Department	1,926.87
For the Post-Office Department	14,382.42
Total	$126,218.73

Quantity of Blanks Printed.

I have prepared the following table, for the purpose of exhibiting the quantity of printing executed for the different Departments of the Government:

Department	No. of Reams.	No. of Blanks.
State	7	3,360
Justice	16	7,680
Treasury	198	95,040
War	9,127	4,470,960
Navy	80	38,400
Post-Office	1,417	680,560
Total	10,845	5,296,000

One thousand and fifty-six (1,056) blank books were printed, of which one hundred and fifty-two (152) were for the War Department, eight hundred and eighty-four (884) for the Treasury Department, five (5) for the Navy Department, nine (9) for the Department of Justice, and seven (7) for the Department of State. There were also printed for the War Department one hundred and four(104) "General Orders," of from one to thirty pages each in size, and of which the whole number of copies amounted to one hundred and fifty-one thousand (151,000). Three hundred and forty-five thousand (345,000) passports were also printed for the Provost Marshal, and one hundred and fifteen thousand (115,000) railroad tickets for the Transportation Bureau of the War Department. For the Ordnance Bureau there were two thousand (2,000) pamphlets printed, and for the Surgeon General two thousand (2,000) surgical note books.

The Cost for the Provisional Government.

The total cost of the printing for the Provisional Government, as supervised by this office, amounts to one hundred and three thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-nine cents ($103,814.79) as follows:

For Congress	$ 5,907.43
For the Department of State	465.44
For the Department of Justice	754.43
For the Treasury Department	3,953.92
For the War Department	63,247.60
For the Navy Department	1,391.58
For the Post-Office Department	28,094.39
Total	$103,814.79

Increase of Printing.

Thus it will be observed that there has been an increase in the cost of printing from the 22d February to 31st December last, as compared with that for the corresponding period of ten months under the Provisional Government, of twenty-two thousand four hundred and three dollars and ninety-four cents, ($22,403.94) as follows:

Department.	Decrease.	Increase.
Congress	$ 522.64	
State	52.92	
Justice	620.20	
Treasury		$ 4,357.79
War		32,418.59
Navy		535.29
Post-Office	13,711.97	
Total	$14,907.73	$37,311.67

The increase has been the largest for the War Department, and the greatest falling off is noticed in the printing of the Post-Office Department. The cause of the large increase for the former may be attributed mainly to the large accessions to the army under the last conscription act. In the month of August, nearly two millions of blank muster rolls, pay rolls, &c., &c., were ordered for this department alone, and this large order is but just filled. The decrease for the latter is due to the fact that the officers of that Department before the close of the Provisional Government, and with the exception of signature post bills and circular letters, ordered blanks sufficient for the consumption of six months.

The Appropriation.

By reference to the books of the Treasury, I find that there will be a surplus of forty-one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five dollars and four cents ($41,785.04), of which eight thousand three hundred and fifty-seven dollars and thirty cents ($8,357.30) may be expended for the printing of Congress, and thirty-three thousand four hundred and twenty-seven dollars and seventy-four cents ($33,427.74) for the printing of the several Executive Departments, as follows:

Amount to the credit of the Executive Departments, Dec. 31st, 1862	$127,552.42
Deduct amount of outstanding bills, less the item for Congress	94,124.68
	$33,427.74
Amount to the credit of Congress, Dec. 31st, 1862	$10,607.30
Deduct amount of outstanding bills	2,250.00
	$ 8,357.30
Add for the Executive Departments	33,427.74
Total surplus	$41,785.04

I can only account for this large surplus on the ground that two appropriations for thirty-seven thousand dollars ($37,000,) one approved 24th December, 1861, and the other, a special Act, Dec. 31st, 1861, were made by Congress upon one estimate from this office, that of the 26th

November, 1861. The estimates for six months from the 31st January next, required by law, have already been transmitted to you.

The Advertising.

I have ascertained that seventy-two dollars and sixty-two cents, ($72.62,) have been paid out of the appropriations for the printing of the Executive Departments for advertising. I would respectfully submit that advertising does not come within the object aimed at in these appropriations, and that as it is not under the control or direction of this office, it is not included in the estimates for the printing of the several Executive Departments.

Purchase of Paper, and Compensation of Contractors.

On the 19th August last I addressed a letter to you, requesting an amendment in the fourth section of the Act of the Provisional Congress, approved May 14th, 1861, entitled "An Act to organize further the Bureau of Superintendent of Public Printing," by conferring upon me additional authority to purchase, without advertising for sealed proposals, paper necessary to do all the printing of Congress, or either one of the Executive Departments, and writing paper and envelopes used by Congress or the Executive Departments.

The scarcity of paper, and the high prices which it commands, has been the chief source of embarrassment. Paper manufactured within the limits of the Confederacy has advanced more than one hundred per cent., and that of foreign manufacture, suitable for blank books, and the finer description of printing, from two hundred and fifty to five hundred per cent. So steady has been the advance in price, and so great the demand for it, that I have found it impossible to secure a single contract. Nor is there a probability that I will be able to make a single contract until peace is established. The manufacturers are well aware that they can find a ready sale for all the paper they can make, and prefer rather to risk the market than fix the price, as they would be compelled to do if they made a contract under the Act of May 14th, 1861. The law as it now stands gives me authority to contract, but does not authorize me to make purchases. You will recollect that several months ago I consulted you upon this subject. Your reply was to the effect that I could lawfully purchase paper needed for immediate use, provided I could not secure a contract for it. I have done so on several occasions, when circumstances imperatively demanded it, but it would be more economical to keep a large supply on hand, so that all the paper required for the printing could be supplied by this Bureau.

As I stated in the letter above referred to, a large portion of the paper now used is purchased by the several contractors of the paper dealers of this city, who obtain it from vessels running the blockade or in distant parts of the Confederacy. Of course it is held at a high figure, and the government not only pays what it costs in the first instance, but also the advance demanded here for it. I would add that the law of February 27th, 1861, fixes the per cent. allowed to the contractor at not more than twenty per cent. on the actual cost of the paper. Under the several contracts, this per cent. ranges from five to ten per cent. Consequently it makes no difference how much the contractor pays for paper, as he is sure of his five or ten per cent., which is a handsome profit on the amount invested. You will observe, therefore, that if I am authorized to purchase the paper, this per cent. will also be saved to the Government.

I have included writing paper and envelopes, because I am very frequently requested by the several Departments to furnish these articles,

and because I believe it would result in a considerable saving to the Government.

In the letter of August 19th last, I also recommended the repeal of the first, second, and third clauses in the seventh section of the Act of Feb. 27th, 1861, and the passage of a bill fixing the price for all descriptions of work as follows: For composition, plain, per 1,000 ems, seventy cents; composition, rule, and rule and figure, per 1,000 ems, one dollar and twenty cents; press work, per token, including folding and stitching, seventy cents.

I have made this recommendation for the purpose of simplifying the rates of the compensation allowed contractors, and for the further reason that at the first session of the Permanent Congress a resolution for the preservation of public documents, approved April 19th, 1862, was adopted, by which it is made my duty to deliver to you two hundred copies of all documents printed, by order of either House of Congress, for the purpose of being indexed and bound in volumes. In order to secure uniformity, it became necessary to print all documents in pages of equal size, and to make a change in the compensation allowed to the Congressional printer.

These recommendations were laid before Congress at its last session, and I understand that the House Committee on Printing framed a bill in accordance therewith, but were unable to report it for the action of the House, in consequence of the heavy pressure of other important measures. In this bill a third section in relation to ruling and binding was introduced. Under the Act approved February 27th, 1861, the chief officers of the Government are authorized to contract for all necessary printing in connection with their several offices. Heretofore when proposals were invited for printing, no bids were made for ruling or for binding. As a large number of blank books, (1,056 for the current year), which are both ruled and bound, and hundreds of thousands of blank pay-rolls, muster-rolls, requisitions, &c., (10,845 reams for the current year), which require ruling are used by the Government, you will at once perceive the importance of adopting a uniform rate for ruling and for binding, or leaving it to the competition of bidders.

I have again called your attention to these subjects, in the hope that you may be able to obtain early action on the part of Congress.

The Printer's Certificates.

In my last annual report I called the attention of the then Attorney General (Mr. Bragg) to the fact that the tenth section of the Act of 27th Feb., 1861, requires the "public printer or contractor to produce a voucher, showing the cost of the paper used and the quantity thereof, to swear to the correctness of his account, and procure the certificate of two disinterested practical printers, not connected with his office, that it has been made out correctly under the law." The contractors have complained that this section has put them to unnecessary trouble, and caused a delay in the settlement of their accounts, which is injurious to their interests. They have also complained that even after the examination has been made and the certificate given by these parties, this Bureau has refused to approve the account, and in some cases, made material alterations and deductions. This can be obviated, and the object of the Government attained, by simply doing away with the certificate of the two disinterested practical printers and continuing to require the voucher for paper and the oath of the public printer or contractor to the correctness of his account.

All bills for printing are subjected to a rigid examination by this Bureau. Not only are the rates fixed by the contracts and the laws adhered to, but the closest scrutiny is made as to the actual quantity of

composition, press work, binding and ruling. In fact the investigation is made without the slightest reference to any of these certificates, although no bill has been approved without them, because they are required by the law.

Printer's Usages.

It is the almost universal practice of printers, when a large order for blanks is received, to put in type two or more forms, but to charge composition upon one only. Press work is then charged as if one blank only were worked off at a single impression, when the fact is, that two or more are produced. To make the matter more plain, let us suppose that the composition upon a single form be 2,000 ems. At seventy cents per 1,000 ems (the price fixed by the law) it would only amount to one dollar and forty cents, whilst the press work on ten thousand copies (if that many were ordered) at seventy cents per token, would amount to twenty-eight dollars. Now, if composition on two forms were charged, (and in the case to which I allude two forms would be set up), is it not palpable that two blanks are printed at one impression, and that instead of the press work footing up twenty-eight dollars, it would be but fourteen—a clear saving of twelve dollars and sixty cents.

I give the above as one of the regulations which govern the proprietors of printing establishments. There are others quite as important, but in all instances I have felt it my duty, with a proper appreciation of the responsibilities resting upon me, to disregard them. After a careful consideration of the law, I am convinced that it is the intention simply to pay for the work actually performed, and for that only; and, consequently, I have refused to approve any bills that were not made out in accordance with this construction of the law.

The Contractors.

During the Provisional Government the contract of the Department of Justice was awarded to Messrs. Tyler, Wise & Allegre; that of the State Department to Messrs. Ritchie & Dunnavant; that of the Treasury Department to Messrs. Tyler, Wise & Allegre; that of the War Department to Messrs. Ritchie & Dunnavant; that of the Navy Department to Messrs. Macfarlane & Fergusson, and that of the Postoffice Department to Messrs. Ritchie & Dunnavant. On the first of April last a contract for four years was made by the Postmaster General with Mr. John H. Seals, of Atlanta, Georgia, but on the 5th of November last it was annulled by that officer, in consequence of a non-fulfillment of its conditions. Since then a second contract has been made with Messrs. Ritchie & Dunnavant, who are now performing the work for that department.

The Laws.

The laws passed at the last session of Congress, printed in a style equal to that of Little & Brown's edition of the laws of the United States, are ready for distribution. The printing of the laws of the Provisional Congress, in the same form, is not completed, owing chiefly to the scarcity of printing material.

The body of the laws is set in long primer type, of which the Congressional printer, until very recently, could only procure sufficient to set up one form of sixteen pages. Proof-reading, comparing with the original rolls, and the press work occupy an entire week, making it impossible to print more than one form per week. Delays have also been occasioned by the pressure of other work during the sittings of Congress. However, with the increased facilities which Mr. R. M. Smith, the Con-

gressional printer, now has at his command, I hope shortly to be able to deliver to you the entire number for distribution.

Congressional Documents.

In compliance with the resolution approved April 19th, 1862, I delivered to you two hundred copies of each public document ordered to be printed at the last session of Congress, for the purpose of being indexed and bound in volumes of convenient size. I perceive serious obstacles to the preparation of a complete index, from the fact that the documents cannot be paged with reference to the use contemplated in this resolution. Frequently several documents are printed at the same time, and it is impossible to page them so that they may form separate portions of the same book. However, I would suggest, as a partial remedy, that these documents be severally numbered by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House, (Senate document No. 1, House document No. 1, and so on,) and that these numbers be printed in an apppropriate head line on the first page of each document respectively.

The House Journal.

I was informed by the Clerk of the House, after its adjournment, that the Journal of that body had been ordered to be printed, and I made arrangements to have the work executed expeditiously. Up to this writing I have not received the manuscript copy.

I have the honor, sir, to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. E. W. NELSON,
Supt. Public Printing.

Bureau of Public Printing,
Richmond, Va., *November* 18, 1863.

Hon. Wade Keyes,
Attorney General, ad interim:

Sir:

The operations of this bureau have been seriously embarrassed during the past year by the increased cost of labor and material. Contractors justly complain of their hardships, and ask me to propose a measure of relief. Messrs. Ritchie & Dunnavant, contractors for the War, Post-Office and State Departments, say:

"The amount paid by us for composition, press work, binding and ruling, together with all the incidental expenses attending the same, is not less than one hundred per cent. more now than it was twelve months ago. As to the future, we cannot say anything about what it may be."

Messrs. Tyler, Wise & Allegre, contractors for the Department of Justice, make the following statement:

"During the past year printers' wages have been increased over one hundred per cent., and every item of material used in the business has also greatly advanced in price. At the time our present contract was made with the Department, printers received thirty-five cents per thousand ems; now, one dollar is the price paid them. We, therefore, respectfully ask for an increased compensation, under the contract, both for composition and press work."

Messrs. McFarland & Fergusson, contractors for the Navy Department, write as follows:

"In justice to ourselves, we respectfully ask that you petition Congress to consider the present pay of the printers, under their contracts.

We are now paying one dollar per thousand ems, for plain work, and receiving seventy cents; for tabular work one dollar, and paying two dollars."

From R. M. Smith, Esq., the Congressional Printer, the following letter has been received, which I copy entire, because it presents more fully and completely the disadvantages under which the printing ordered by the Government has been executed:

"OFFICE OF PUBLIC PRINTER,
"*Nov.* 14, 1863.

"E. G. DILL, ESQ.,
"*Acting Superintendent of Public Printing;*

"SIR:

"In answer to your inquiry as to what portion of the public printing ordered by Congress remains unexecuted, I answer that the printing of the battle reports has been suspended by me, though all other orders have been executed. I am sure that the reason for suspending the order above mentioned will be understood by Congress, as I took pains to explain to the committees of the two Houses the absolute necessity under which I should be placed, if the rates of compensation were not considerably increased. In my anxiety to promote the public service, I have printed much that I could not afford, because a failure to do so would have produced much inconvenience. This reason did not apply in the case of the battle reports.

"The necessity of increasing the compensation of the Public Printer is necessarily apparent to you, but for your information, it may not be amiss to state some facts. When I became Public Printer, in the summer of 1861, the price paid to compositors was thirty cents per thousand ems. The price allowed to me by law was seventy cents, which left me an advance of forty cents, or one hundred and thirty-three and a third per cent. to pay for proof-reading, superintendence, rent of office, use of material, and my own services. The cost of composition has increased, by successive stages, in proportion as the cost of living increased; so that I am now paying one dollar per thousand, besides the other expenses above stated. The Government still pays me but seventy cents. Already I have intimations that the increased price of living will require a further advance in composition, which still further increases my losses on all printers' work done for Congress. The cost of press work has increased still more rapidly, owing, in fact, to the vast increase in the price of ink, and the increased expense of machinery and fuel. The work now costs me four times as much as formerly. My own compensation is unaltered—seventy cents per token. Indeed, it is difficult to tell what would be a fair standard of compensation for the Public Printer, if the rates are to remain without revision for any considerable time, so great and rapid is the rise in the price of material and in expenses of all sorts. Even now, the increase in rates which I asked of the late Congress has already become inadequate to pay the bare expenses.

"I am, very respectfully, yours,

"R. M. SMITH."

This letter applies with equal force to the printing of the Treasury Department, (for which Mr. Smith is one of the contractors,) although that work is not specially alluded to. Thus, you will perceive, that there is a stronger claim for increased compensation now, than at the last session of Congress, when both Houses acknowledged the necessity by the passage of a bill, which, however, failed to receive the signature of the President, in the press of important business incident to the close of the session. The failure of this bill at first promised to prove a very serious obstacle to this bureau, but after mature deliberation, the contractors determined, in a spirit worthy of the devotion they profess to Southern independence, to execute the work, even at the risk of serious loss. How

they have carried out this determination the records of this office amply attest.

But even if the proposed relief had been extended at the last session, the facts already stated prove that it would be insufficient now. The prices of labor in this Department are subject to the same laws which govern in other Departments, and it would be folly to contend that the seventy cents per thousand ems, and seventy cents per token allowed by the act of February 27, 1861, are sufficient to-day, when the journeyman demands and receives one dollar. Indeed, it needs no argument to show that the cost of labor will ever depend upon the cost of living, and that legislative action, unless it affect equally all the parties interested, the contractor as well as the employee, must fail to meet the end of all legislation. Therefore, I would propose that the compensation of contractors, the tariff of prices to be paid for every description of work, be left to the discretion of the head of this bureau, subject, however, to your approval. I believe that this course would give entire satisfaction, that it would be fair alike to the Government and the contractors. If an increased price were fixed by Congress at its next session, what guarantee have you that the necessity therefor will continue to exist for any great length of time, or that it will not become wholly insufficient before the assembling of another Congress? Has it not occurred to you that if this bureau were authorized to regulate the prices charged for printing, the compensation would depend upon the cost of labor and material, and that when labor and material became cheap, prices would be reduced? But I feel assured I have no need to argue this question. The advantages to be obtained are apparent to the dullest comprehension.

The propriety of this measure being established, I would recommend a still further change; but I would have it understood that these suggestions derive their force from the disturbed condition of the country consequent upon the fiendish war waged against us by the northern abolitionists. I would urge the policy of authorizing the head of this bureau to apportion the printing of the Government among the several printing establishments of this city, without the formality of making a contract. If it be acknowledged that prices cannot be specifically regulated by law, (and there is not a single contractor with whom I have conversed who does not confess his inability to fix a price to govern his future charges for printing,) then surely there can be no argument in favor of the contract system, because there would remain nothing to be regulated by contract, except the question as to whom the printing of the several Executive Departments should be given.

Besides, frequent complaints are made, especially by the War Department, of the delay in delivering printing ordered. The right to give out the work to that establishment which could return it first would, of course, secure a more prompt compliance with the demands of the Government. And there would, in fact, be no injustice in this to the contractors themselves, for the reason that, with the exception of the contract of the Post-office Department, with Messrs. Ritchie & Dunnavant, the contracts of the several Executive Departments, under the act of February 27, 1861, have expired months since, and not been renewed. Nevertheless, the contractors, themselves, have been held to a strict fulfillment of their obligations, because they have presented bills which have been paid at the rates fixed therein; and the Department will continue thus to hold them until they give formal notice of their unwillingness longer to receive the work upon these terms.

Still, if it be deemed best not to confer upon me authority to give out the printing, subject to your approval, and without the formality of a contract, where it can be most speedily and economically executed, and to establish a tariff of prices for all descriptions of work, then let this

power be modified so that I am restricted by a proviso, to the effect that the compensation so fixed shall not exceed a certain per centum to be fixed by Congress, upon the actual cost of the work and material used. I confess that this latter proposition would probably lead to complications and differences of opinion between the parties engaged in executing the work and this office, but I am so anxious that something may be done to relieve the Government and the printers, that I am induced to mould my suggestions so as to be most likely to meet any objections that may be offered to a change so radical.

And as an additional reason in favor of my plan, I would again call your attention to the fact that the existing laws do not contain any provisions fixing the prices for ruling and binding, for which there is a very heavy outlay. If these suggestions should be adopted, there would remain no immediate necessity for action upon this subject, because if authorized to establish rates of compensation, I would feel it incumbent upon me to include ruling and binding; but if another course should be found expedient, then there should be some special enactments in reference thereto.

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For the Treasury Department	40,986.74
For the War Department	19,594.89
For the Navy Department	1,367.67
For the Post-Office Department	5,375.37
Total	$74,436.80

There are outstanding bills to a considerable amount, which will shortly be presented for settlement. From the data before me, I have been able to furnish an approximate result, as follows:

For Congress	$ 7,000.00
For the Department of Justice	150.00
For the Treasury Department	36,000.00
For the War and State Departments	110,000.00
For the Navy Department	1,200.00
Total	$154,350.00

The outstanding indebtedness for the Post-Office Department is not included in the above statement, because, by law, it is required, since the 1st of March last to be self-sustaining. Of course all printing therefor will from that date, be paid out of the fund of that Department, although this bureau will continue to superintend its execution and examine all accounts.

From the statements above given it will be perceived that the printing of the Government, from the 1st of January last to the 1st of December next, will probably cost two hundred and sixty-four thousand five hundred and one dollars and thirty-five cents, ($264,501.35,) as follows:

For Congress	$ 13,975.52
For the State Department	44.90
For the Department of Justice	241.71
For the Treasury Department	76,986.74
For the War Department	129,594.89
For the Navy Department	2,567.67
For the Post-Office Department	5,375.37
For the purchase of paper by Superintendent	35,714.55
Total	$264.501.35

Thus a very heavy increase of expenditure is shown since my last annual report, but when the rapid increase in the cost of all kinds of labor and material is considered, it will be fully explained. As an additional cause, I would refer you to the vast increase in the printing for the Treasury Department, which last year cost but eight thousand three hundred and eleven dollars and seventy-one cents, ($8,311.71.) It now reaches not less than seventy-six thousand nine hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy-four cents, ($76,986.74,) for a period of eleven months. The creation of the Tax Bureau has occasioned this great difference between the expenses of the last two years—that office alone having ordered and received upwards of two millions of blanks.

On the books of the Treasury Department, on the 30th of September last, the following sums remained to the credit of the printing fund:

Publication and printing of the acts and resolutions of Congress, ten thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents	$ 10,727.34
Printing of the several executive departments, one hundred and fifty-eight thousand two hundred and twenty-seven dollars and forty-four cents	158,227.44
Purchase of paper for the executive departments and Congress, seventeen thousand six hundred and twenty-one dollars and eighty-five cents	17,621.85

It will be observed, therefore, that the appropriations made last year will probably cover the expenditures.

I have prepared the following statements for the purpose of showing the quantity of printing executed for the Government:

For Congress;

There were printed, of—

Blank books	2	copies
Bills and resolutions	133,600	"
Yeas and nays	3,000	"

For the State Department:

Blank books	6	copies
Blanks	7,510	"
Envelope headings	5,000	"

For the Department of Justice:

Blank books	2	copies
Blanks	8,430	"
Envelope headings	1,200	"

For the Treasury Department:

Blank books	3,199	copies
Blanks	2,105,480	"
Circulars	3,400	"
Envelope headings	5,250	"

For the War Department:

Blank books	276	copies
Blanks	3,508,930	"
Circulars	55,220	"
General Orders	385,783	"
Envelope headings	83,214	"

For the Navy Department:

Blank books	28	copies
Blanks	70,350	"
Circulars	450	"
Envelope headings	8,200	"

For the Postoffice Department:

Blank books	8	copies
Post bills	9,043,200	"
Blanks	564,031	"
Circulars	15,440	"
Envelope headings	45,200	"

Frequent complaints have reached this office of the manner in which the reports of battles are printed for Congress. Upon inquiry, I learn that every care is taken by the Congressional printer to have the proof read by copy, but that the copy furnished is in itself very often inaccurate and obscure. I am informed that, in one instance, the name of an officer was spelled in three different ways. Of course, the printer could not decide which was correct. As a remedy, I would suggest that when these reports are ordered to be printed, some competent person should be selected to edit them. With the multifarious duties incumbent upon me, and the small force at my command, it is impossible for me to attend to the proof-reading.

In conclusion, I will express the hope that my recommendations may receive your approbation. That some change should be made, there can be no doubt, and that the one I have herein pointed out is the best suited to the times, I have the assurance of all whom I have consulted upon the subject.

I have the honor, sir, to be,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. E. W. NELSON.

Superintendent of Public Printing.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC PRINTING,
RICHMOND, VA., *April* 26, 1864.

HON. GEORGE DAVIS,
Attorney General:

SIR:

The operations of this bureau have been seriously embarrassed for some time past. Messrs. Smith, Bailey & Co., who were executing the printing for the Treasury Department, have refused to receive any further orders, and that Department is now without a contract for its printing. Messrs. Ritchie & Dunnavant, contractors for the War and State Departments, assure me that they will be compelled, in a short time, to discontinue the reception of orders for work, if Congress does not adopt some measure of relief.

The act of February 27, 1861, allowed the printer to Congress seventy cents per thousand ems for composition, and seventy cents per token for press work; and the heads of Executive Departments were authorized to contract for the printing for their Departments at rates not higher than those allowed the congressional printer. Accordingly, contracts were made by all the Executive Departments at those rates. These contracts, however, expired months since, and the Departments, with the exception of the Post Office Department, failed to renew them; but the contractors still continue (with the exception above stated) to perform the work, although at considerable loss. At the date of the contracts, printers were

receiving thirty-five cents per thousand ems, now one dollar and fifty cents is the price paid them. Contractors, therefore, are receiving seventy cents per thousand ems and paying their employees one dollar and fifty cents. It cannot be expected that they will long continue to do this. Some measure of relief should be immediately adopted.

At the last session of Congress, a bill, on the subject of printing, passed the House of Representatives, but was not taken up in the Senate. A joint resolution was approved on the 5th of January, 1864, giving authority to the Joint Committee on Printing to make a tariff price for the printing for Congress, but these prices do not apply to the printing for the Departments. I would suggest, as a matter of relief, a similar resolution in regard to the printing for the Executive Departments. This would obviate all difficulty. No general law in regard to public printing can at present be framed to act with equal justice to the Government and contractor. The wages paid by the contractor to-day may rise twenty-five or fifty per cent. in three or six months, or may fall in that time in the same proportion. In either case it would scarcely be just to hold either party to the contract. If such a resolution was passed, the Joint Committee on Printing could, from time to time, alter their tariff of prices to conform to the ruling prices paid for labor.

In this connection, I ask your attention to the suggestion contained in my annual report of the 18th of November, 1863, and recommend "the policy of authorizing the head of this bureau to apportion the printing of the Government (except of Congress and the Post Office Department) among the several printing establishments of this city, without the formality of making a contract. There are frequent complaints made of the delay in delivering printing ordered. The right to give out the work to that establishment which could return it first would, of course, secure a more prompt compliance with the demands of the Government."

There are now on my books unfinished orders, dated as far back as September last. No two or three offices in this city are capable of performing all the printing for the Government in any reasonable time, and great inconvenience has and must continue to result to all the Departments by over crowding a few offices with all the printing for the Government, while there are several other establishments that would be glad to perform a portion of the work, at a fair compensation.

These considerations are offered in the hope, if they are not carried out, some other plan may be adopted to relieve this bureau from the embarrassments which it will have to encounter in the event of the refusal of the other contractors to receive orders for printing.

I have the honor, sir, to be,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. E. W. NELSON.

Superintendent of Public Printing.

BUREAU OF PUBLIC PRINTING,
RICHMOND, *Oct.* 26, 1864.

HON. GEORGE DAVIS,
Attorney General:

SIR:

I have the honor to inform you that the embarrassments noticed in my report of April 26th, have, in a great measure, been removed by the passage of the act approved June 3d, 1864. The third section of that act provides for contracts by the heads of the Executive Departments, and also for the apportionment of the work, in the absence of such contracts, among "any number of contractors and printing establishments," as suggested in my annual report of November, 1863. With the exception of the Postoffice, Treasury, and War Departments, contracts were made. The

Postoffice Department had made a contract for four years with Messrs. Ritchie & Dunnavant, and it was deemed best not to annul it. The Treasury Department assumed the responsibility of doing their own work, without the superintendence of this office. The War Department was left entirely to the management of this bureau; and, accordingly, after inviting proposals from the several printing offices in this city, I made the following schedule of prices, which was accepted unanimously:

"BUREAU OF PUBLIC PRINTING,
"RICHMOND, *Aug.* 12, 1864.

"*Gentlemen:*

"I am now prepared to offer you, upon the following terms, a portion of the printing of the Government. The right to modify these rates is reserved, should the cost of labor or material at any time decline; and I would feel bound to pursue a corresponding course with reference to any increased expenditures you might incur, the object being a fair and liberal compensation for labor actually performed, and the other expenses incident thereto:

"For composition, (plain,) per 1,000 ems	$ 2.50
"For composition, (rule or figure,) per 1,000 ems	3.75
"For composition, (rule and figure,) per 1,000 ems	5.00
"Press work, per token, of 250 impressions, or fraction of such token	3.00
"For ruling blanks—	
"Letter size, per ream, each ruling	4.00
"Cap size, per ream, each ruling	5.00
"Demy size, per ream, each ruling	7.00
"Medium size, per ream, each ruling	9.00
"Double medium, (muster and pay rolls, ruled on both sides,) whole cost per ream	12.00
"For binding in full or in half binding, book of four quires,	
"Imperial	20.00
"Super-Royal	15.00
"Royal, medium, and demy	10.00
"Cap and letter	5.00

"For each additional quire, one dollar. The binding stock or material will be furnished by this office; when not so furnished, you will be allowed cost and ten per cent. Ruling for blank books to be at the rate allowed for blanks—less than a ream to count as a ream; more than a ream and less than two reams, in proportion for the excess.

"For folding, stitching, covering, and trimming pamphlets, per thousand copies—	
"Three signatures	$40.00
"Four signatures	45.00
"Five signatures	50.00
"Eight signatures	60.00
"Ten signatures	75.00
"For simple folding, stitching, and trimming, without covers, per signature, per thousand copies	10.00
"For simple folding and trimming, (general orders, circulars, etc.,) not exceeding four pages, per 1,000 copies	5.00

"Paper will be furnished by this office as far as possible; when furnished by you, cost and ten per cent. will be allowed.

"The above tariff of prices has been made after a careful consideration of the several propositions sent to this bureau in answer to the circular letter of the 8th instant. I believe it to be fair and just to all parties. Heretofore the work of the War Department has been done

under one contract, and it was found impossible to prevent delays. Under the proposed arrangement it will be divided, and it is easy to perceive that the Government and those who perform the service will be better satisfied.

"Should you accept the propositions herewith submitted, please notify me at your earliest convenience."

The result has been highly satisfactory, and, until a printing office can be established by the Government, of sufficient capacity to do all its work, it is the only arrangement that will meet the requirements of the service.

The bills for the printing of Congress and the several Executive Departments, examined, approved and passed for payment, since the first of January last, foot up two hundred and thirty-one thousand five hundred and fifty-three dollars and fifty-nine cents, ($231,553.59,) of which the following is a statement in detail:

War Department	$190,958.13
Treasury Department	5,419.67
State Department	186.00
Congress	34,989.79
Total	$231,553.59

There are outstanding bills to a very considerable amount. The bills for the War Department only cover the work ordered previous to the first of May last; for Congress a complete settlement has been made to the close of the last session, with the exception of a portion of the reports of battles, not yet printed, the printers employed on that work having been called to the field for the defence of the capital.

I am enabled to present a full statement of expenditures for the year ending December 31st, 1863, as follows:

War Department	$173,997.50
Treasury Department	87,237.49
Congress	33,548.62
Postoffice Department	5,438.97
Navy Department	2,761.30
State Department	333.93
Department of Justice	184.87
Total	$301,502.68

From the statements above given, it will be perceived that there has been a very large increase in the cost of printing since last year; but the cause will readily suggest itself to your mind when you recollect the increased price paid for labor, and the enhanced price of paper and every other species of material used in executing the work.

On the books of the Treasury Department the following sums remain to the credit of the printing fund:

For the printing of both Houses of Congress, including the printing of the laws and journals in book form	$ 26,041.46
For the printing of the several Executive Departments of the Government	128,586.26
For the purchase of paper for the printing of the several Executive Departments and Congress	2,483.45

It will be observed, therefore, that the appropriations already made for the printing of the present year will, in all probability, fall short of the amount needed, it being impossible to make an exact estimate for the want of accurate information as to the quantity of printing required by

the several departments for a given period. There is also this additional reason, the fluctuations in the price of paper.

A contract was made with Messrs. Evans & Cogswell, of Columbia, South Carolina, for the printing of the "Digest of the Laws," ordered at a recent session of Congress. The work has been delayed because of the difficulty in procuring paper of a proper quality, and the taking of the printers employed upon it for military service. These difficulties having been overcome, the work is progressing rapidly, and I expect to be able to deliver the book by the first of December at furthest.

I have the honor, sir, to be,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

GEO. E. W. NELSON.

Superintendent of Public Printing.

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